



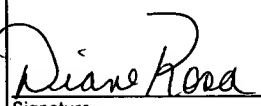
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GRAIN REFINING AGENT TO METAL MELTS

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2002, please amend the claims in the above-identified patent application as follows:

Claims 1-11 (Cancelled).

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): A device for filtering and adding a grain-refining material to a metal melt, said device having a flow direction for said melt, said device comprising:

a first filter comprising a porous filter medium;

a grain-refining material feed, said feed disposed downstream away from said first filter in said flow direction; and